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- At the Fulda Conference of German Catholic Bishops which was held on 18 and 19 ı. August, the Bavarian bishops agreed to postpone action for the establishment of Bavarien-Vatican diplometic relations until after the London Conference of Foreign Ministers. The decision was made at the suggestion of Michael Cardinal Faulhaber.
- The Vatican itself would like a general settlement for all Germany, although 2. actual representation would be carried out on an individual Land basis; that is, each Land would exchange envoys with the Vatican. This desire on the part of the Vatican was unofficially communicated this summer to General Georgiev of the SMA, Karlshorst, by Josef Müller, Chief of the Bavarian CSU. According to Willer, Georgiev replied that the Soviet coverment would agree to establishment of such relations between the Soviet Zone Lander and the Vatican. His answer was reported to Rome via the Vatican Mission to EUCOM, but no further action was taken because the Holy See will not move until all the German Lander submit a request for the establishment of relations to their respective military governments.

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